

CIA Hiding Red Defector From Probers

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HOUSE, SENATE GROUPS SEEK MORE SPY DATA

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"I am flying up to see you for information on the whole story which obviously can't be given over the telephone."

With these words, Rep. John Milan Ashbrook, (R.-Ohio) announced his arrival later today in the offices of the N. Y. Journal-American.

His purpose, he said, was to learn all details and background about the sensational disclosures by Soviet secret police defector and former high-ranking official, Lt. Col. Michal Goleniewski, and related stories published in this newspaper.

Rep. Ashbrook, a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee added:

"I want to get every particle of information I can get about Goleniewski's charges of KGB agents in the State Dept. and Central Intelligence Agency.

"I note that the Federal agencies

are already engaged in the classic maneuver they used on Povl Bang Jensen, trying to infer that Col. Goleniewski has gone off his rocker."

(Ed. note: Povl Bang-Jensen was a former Danish diplomat, dismissed from the United Nations, and later found shot to death in Alley Pond Park, Queens, on Thanksgiving Day, 1959. Although New York police officially list his death as a suicide, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, reported suspects, he may have been a victim of a Soviet "political murder dressed up as a suicide.")

"It is vitally important," Rep. Ashbrook continued, "that Col. Goleniewski appear before my committee. "It is high time the whole State Dept. and its policies be brought to account. It has consistently lied about such Communist penetration as those made in Warsaw, Washington, and elsewhere."

Rep. Ashbrook's sudden decision to make a trip to New York mirrored the stepped-up activities of several Congressional committees which followed publication of stories this week in the Journal-American.

A number of members or investigators from Senate and House panels called this newspaper yesterday, seeking help and information. They wanted directions for finding Col. Goleniewski, who is still in a CIA hideout.

They wanted fill-ins on one of the touchiest aspects of this unique case—the conflict of versions of the defector's story as relayed by spokesmen of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government.

The Executive branch, which is holding the erstwhile spy-master in sequestration for his own safety, claims he was once highly useful, but is now undependable.

DIFFERENT STORY

It also claims he never informed it of the KGB agents in the State Dept. and the CIA.

Col. Goleniewski said the reason high CIA officials may not have received the information was that it had been quashed before reaching them by some of its own agents.

Emissaries of the Legislative branch, including a Congressman, and two aides who interviewed him—one of them twice—state that the Colonel seemed entirely sound of mind and very convincing when he bared the existence of these agents, and named names.

Thus, both branches of the Government may be speaking in good faith with what they actually have, or haven't learned, from the Polish-born defector.

BALANCE OF POWER

The case bids fair to become a classic in the balance of power between two of the three



REP. ASHBROOK
"I Want All Information"

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